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SUBJECT: ANTITRUST - BRITISH PUBLISHERS

- 1. REVISED TEXT OF PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE IS BEFORE ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KAUPER FOR APPROVAL, FOLLOWING WHICH IT WILL BE COMMUNICATED TO BRITISH PUBLISHER ASSOCIATIONS (BPA) COUNSEL FOR REVIEW. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT BELIEVES THAT THIS TEXT MEETS MOST OBJECTIONS RAISED BY BPA WITH JUSTICE OFFICIALS. AS SOON AS TEXT OF PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE IS APPROVED BY KAUPER, DEPARTMENT WILL CABLE TEXT.
- 2. JUSTICE DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS WILL MEET IN WASHINGTON ON JULY 2 WITH PETER ALSUP, PRESIDENT OF BPA, AT HIS REQUEST REPORTEDLY TO UNDERTAKE FINAL REVIEW OF PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE.
- 3. FYI. JUSTICE HAS INFORMED US THAT THE CHANGES MADE IN THE PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE WERE MADE IN RESPONSE TO SPECIFIC REQUESTS BY BPA COUNSEL. THIS DECREE, OF COURSE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WILL BE MADE WITH U.S. PUBLISHERS AS DEFENDANTS IN THE ANTITRUST ACTION AND NOT BPA WHICH IS A CO-CONSPIRATOR. SUBMISSION OF THE PRESENT PROPOSED DECREE TO U.S. PUBLISHERS IS CONTINGENT UPON THE ELIMINATION OF THE TRADITIONAL

MARKETING AGREEMENT BY BPA. JUSTICE UNDERSTANDS THAT BPA WILL TAKE A VOTE BY ITS PUBLISHERS, POSSIBLY BY JUNE, WITH A VIEW TO EMPOWERING ALSUP TO INFORM JUSTICE THAT THE TRADITIONAL MARKETING AGREEMENT WILL BE ABROGATED. IF THE VOTE IS POSITIVE, THEN ALSUP WILL UNDERTAKE A "FINAL RUN-THROUGH" (I.E. REVIEW) ON JULY 2 OF THE DECREE BEFORE IT IS SUBMITTED TO THE U.S. PUBLISHERS. END FYI. KISSINGER

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